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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sHB 5535**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEW OF WRONGFUL INCARCERATION AWARDS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill extends the time period for the General Assembly to review wrongful incarceration compensation awards and their associated claims.

By law, the General Assembly must review a wrongful incarceration compensation award from the claims commissioner if (1) the claimant requests the review; (2) the award exceeds \$35,000; or (3) it involves an agreed to or stipulated award exceeding \$1.5 million. (The latter are awards initially negotiated by the attorney general.) The General Assembly may deny or confirm the award or remand the claim to the claims commissioner for further proceedings.

Under current law, if the General Assembly does not act on an award within 45 days after its submission, the claims commissioner's determination is deemed confirmed. The bill extends this window for consideration to 60 days.

Under existing law, unchanged by the bill, submissions that occur when the General Assembly is not in a regular session or too close to the end of a regular session to be acted on are deemed submitted on the first day of the next regular session.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 41 Nay 0 (03/30/2026)